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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
MBHB00-801-F (RPI Ref. No. 400/003)

In re Application of: Blatt et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/740,332 ) Group Art Unit:  
Filed: December 18, 2000 ) Examiner:  
For: Enzymatic Nucleic Acid Treatment )  
of Diseases or Conditions Related to )  
Hepatitis C Virus Infection )

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

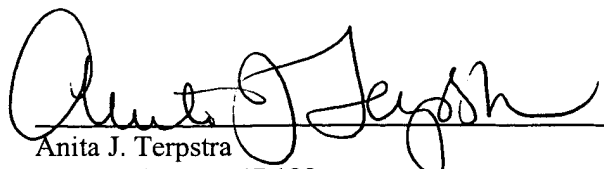
Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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